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NEO exercise



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

More than 500 Station residents participated in a Noncombatant Evacuation Operation exercise Oct. 18-19. The exercise gave noncombatants the chance to experience what they would need to do in the event of a NEO. *see story Page 6*

TSP offers new retirement option

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers
Torii Teller Staff

Service members looking to further secure their future can now invest in the Thrift Savings Plan.

The program, which was previously only open to federal civilian employees, is now being opened to all active and reserve service members, regardless of how long they intend to remain in the service.

The TSP allows service members to save money for their retirement, according to 1st Lt. Antonio Hinojosa, Station assistant budget officer. The plan is designed to supplement, not replace, military retirement benefits.

"The Thrift Savings Plan is a government-sponsored retirement savings investment plan," said Hinojosa. "It's like the 401k plan a lot of companies have for their employees."

The TSP is unlike a savings plan, because the money is invested, rather than placed in a savings account.

According to Hinojosa, service members can invest in the Government Securities Investment Fund, Fixed Income Index Investment Fund, Common Stock Index Investment Fund, Small Capitalization Stock Index Investment Fund, and the International Stock Index Investment Fund.

Service members can choose to divide their contribution between the five funds, or to put their contribution into just one fund.

In addition to the money service members con-

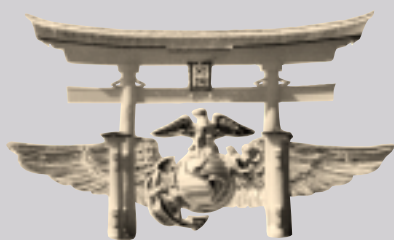
tribute to the plan, the government will also add to their investment under certain situations.

"Service members in specially designated military occupational specialties who agree to serve for six years of active duty can receive matching contributions, up to four percent, Hinojosa said. The government will match up to three percent, and an additional half percent for each percent beyond that, up to the limit. The MOSs to receive this benefit have not yet been chosen.

"It's a great savings vehicle, regardless of what you plan to do," said Hinojosa. "It's especially good for younger Marines, who can benefit because of the power of compound interest. The sooner you start investing, the more time you have

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Letter to America

by Gunnery Sgt. Mark Zeid
Letter to the Editor

I was in the Crossroads Mall and saw several of the letters the children wrote to America. It prompted me to write this one.

Dear America:

I stand with you in grief. The senseless deaths of more than 6,800 people, including almost 1,000 of those being people from other countries who were guests in the United States, tears at my heart. Like many worldwide, my heartfelt sympathies go out to all who have lost loved ones in the tragedy of Sept. 11.

I stand with you in horror. The events of that day were inexcusable and completely without justification at all. The murder of so many innocent people is beyond any comprehension.

I stand with you in anger. The cowardly attacks by individuals upon innocent civilians cannot be tolerated. I'm well aware that there are many who do not like America, but we have done nothing that can justify these attacks. In fact, it upsets me when so many fail to recognize how much our country has tried to do for peace in the Middle East.

I stand with you in fear. I do not fear for my own safety, but for the safety of the innocent. I fear that people in their anger will forget the targets are terrorists and their supporters, and not the Islamic people or the people of any one country. I fear there are others who will take this war on terrorism and use it for their own purposes and expand the circle of violence and terror. I fear that we will forget the goal of this conflict is to bring peace and safety to all; it is not revenge.

I stand with you in appreciation. I greatly appreciated seeing people around the world showing their sympathy and support. I was moved when I saw them play the American national anthem at Buckingham Palace. I was grateful for the scenes of people praying in Moscow, Tokyo and around the world for those who perished.

I stand with you in pride. The attacks were against the United States, which is one of the greatest countries. I have lived overseas for many years and I know that our country has many challenges. However, I have also seen thousands of people risk everything for the opportunity to live in America. My own parents left their countries to come to America because it offered the freedom and opportunity to succeed.

I stand with you in courage. The courage of the firefighters and police officers who rushed to

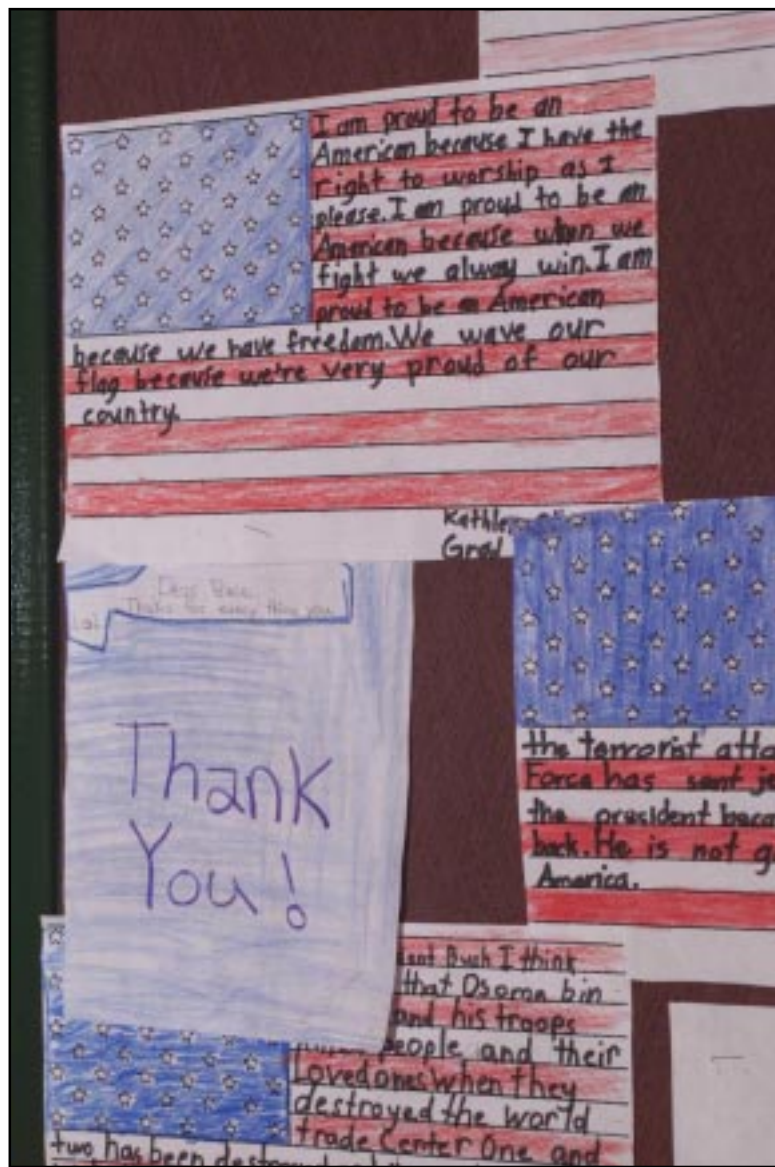


photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Letters written from children to the United States posted in the Crossroads Mall show the children's support of their country following the terrorist attacks on America Sept. 11.

help those in need at the World Trade Center sets the highest standard. They would not let terrorism win by being afraid to do their job of helping others. I will not allow the terrorists to win by letting them frighten us into hiding in our homes or from doing our jobs. Nor will I let the terrorists win by frightening me into not coming for them.

I stand with you in determination. I cannot quit. To quit is to only allow the terrorists to attack us again and again. We have no choice; but more importantly, we have the will, desire, determination and strength to go after these cowardly criminals called terrorists.

I stand with you in strength. The terrorists had hoped they would cause us to argue among ourselves about world policy. They had hoped that those sympathetic to their cause would join them in America by causing more problems. They had hoped that we would be more concerned about our own lives and that our selfishness would cause us to hide from the need to fight them. Instead, they have unified 300 million Americans worldwide. We have donated blood, money and time to help those in need. We have banded together in the determined goal of bringing terrorists out of their holes and to justice.

Make no mistake. America stands together!

VEAP participants running out of time

by **Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson**
Torii Teller Staff

Service members previously or currently enrolled in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program have until Wednesday to convert to the Montgomery GI Bill and take advantage of those benefits.

The benefit of the change over is that VEAP participants will receive the full \$24,400 from the GI Bill. If they do not make the change in time, they will be stuck with the old VEAP benefits that total \$8,100.

"When they originally came out with the MGIB, the people who came in under VEAP were not allowed to enroll in it," said Jennifer Edgington,

Marine Corps Community Services education counselor.

Those participating in the MGIB paid \$1,200 and had a much better deal than the VEAP participants.

Because of the huge difference in return, many service members pulled their money from their VEAP account, but were still ineligible for the MGIB, Edgington noted. However, the law changed and those who once had a VEAP account may now enroll in the MGIB.

The cost to prior or current VEAP members to receive the full MGIB benefits is \$2,700.

"It's still not as good a deal as those who paid the \$1,200, but it is better than what they had before the change," Edgington said. "There are

still people out there with the \$2,700 in their VEAP accounts, but now they have access to get a better benefit."

All of the paperwork necessary to enroll in the MGIB and disenroll in VEAP can be filled out and submitted at the Education Office, located on the first floor of Building 411.

One of the differences in the program for those converting from VEAP is that once their \$2,700 is paid up, they are eligible to use the full benefits immediately.

If a service member no longer has the \$2,700 in their VEAP account, they can choose to pay a lump sum or choose payroll allotment.

"The most you can spread it out

is \$150 for 18 months," Edgington said. "You can not extend beyond that."

For those service members who may be leaving the military soon, there is another option.

"If they have less than 18 months left on active duty and they are going to retire, allotments can be made out of their retirement checks," Edgington said. "You will have 10 years from the day you retire to use the benefits."

Service members have only a few more days to take advantage of the program, which comes to a close Wednesday.

For more information on the VEAP to MGIB conversion call the Education Office at 253-3855.

Red Ribbon Week promotes awareness

by **Darrell Coleman**
Director, Substance Abuse Counseling Center

Substance abuse is a major contributing factor to our societal problems, but it is not a problem that America is taking lying down.

Each year our nation celebrates Red Ribbon Week, a national voluntary effort to increase awareness of illegal drug use through education on the consequences of drug use and the need for ongoing prevention efforts.

This year's Red Ribbon Week observances began Monday and will last through Wednesday, with the focus on continuing work to make a drug free America and a drug free Marine Corps. The week will be marked throughout the Corps by commands setting aside time to emphasize to Marines and their families the benefits of pursuing a drug free life-style.

Red Ribbon Week was inspired by the death of Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent Enrique Camarena, who was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985.

Camarena grew up in a dirt-floored house with hopes and dreams of making a difference. Camarena worked his way through college, served in the Marines and became a police officer. When he decided to join the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I can't not do this," he told her. "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference."

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-

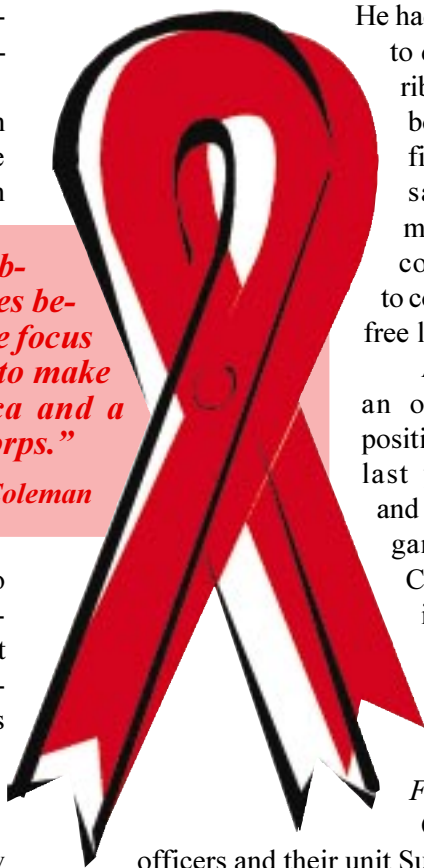
year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's side and shoved him in a car. One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave.

He had been tortured to death. The red ribbon is the symbol which identifies the ultimate sacrifice he made and encourages others to commit to a drug free life.

As the result of an overwhelming positive response to last year's theme and campaign slogan, the Marine Corps will retain it for this year: "Lead by Example" and "Get Real-Real Drug Free."

Commanding officers and their unit Substance Abuse Control Officers are encouraged to increase the awareness of illegal drug use consequences through educational presentations, posters, banners, and news articles.

Information on illegal drug use prevention can be obtained from your Substance Abuse Counseling Center in Building 411, Room 231, or by calling 253-5260. For additional information via the Internet, go to the National Family Partnership at www.nfp.org, National Clearinghouse for Drug and Alcohol Information at www.health.org and Red Ribbon Works at www.redribbonworks.org.



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- Darrell Coleman

News Briefs

Pet Weight

Air Mobility Command flights will only accept pets and carriers with a combined weight of 150 pounds or less. Passengers with pets who weigh more must fly commercially. For more information call 253-5509.

Restriction Notice

"El Barco's" and "Club Tropicana," located in the Sanwa Building, 7-9 Yagenbori, Naka-ku, Hiroshima City, are off-limits, in accordance with paragraphs 7(c) (2) and 8 of Station Order 1620.11. For more information call 253-3303.

Fall Cleanup

The Station's fall cleanup is scheduled for Nov. 2, in accordance with Station Order 11017.1L. Assignments will be given to major commands and departments. For more information call 253-4566.

Smoke testing

Facilities will put nontoxic smoke in the sewers Oct. 28-Nov. 5 to find where surface waters enter. Smoke may be visible from manhole covers and roof vents. For more information call 253-5328.

Power Outage

A power outage is scheduled for Saturday on Southside from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This will allow upgrades to be installed. For more information call 253-3044.



Safety tips for Halloween

compiled by
Torii Teller Staff

This year, the Station will celebrate Halloween Wednesday, from 5-7 p.m. The following are a few tips to keep safe on Halloween.

Adults

1. Welcome trick-or-treaters with the porch lights on.
2. Patrol the streets occasionally to discourage speeding motorists, acts of malicious mischief and crimes against children.
3. Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the Military Police.
4. Do not give homemade or unwrapped treats to children.

Motorists

Exercise extreme caution while driving a vehicle. Be alert for excited youngsters darting out into traffic, because costume masks may obscure their vision or they may not be paying attention. Drive slower than normal during trick or treating hours.

Parents

1. Designate a specific route for children to use.
2. Adults should accompany all children under the age of 12.
3. Children should carry a flashlight or light stick to alert motorists and avoid danger.
4. Children should cross streets at the corners and never cross between parked vehicles. They should also look both ways before crossing and use the sidewalk while trick or treating.
5. Ensure children understand that trick or treating is scheduled from 5-7 p.m.
6. Children should not accept rides from strangers.
7. Children should not go inside homes.
8. Parents should inspect all treats and discard all unwrapped and homemade items before children open them. Notify the Military Police in the event of any tainted candy.
9. If approached by any suspicious person, children should run to the nearest home with a light on and ask them to call 119.

Costumes

1. Parents should ensure all costumes are made of fire-retardant materials.
2. In lieu of masks, face paint is recommended to help children see clearly.
3. Costumes should fit properly. Oversized costumes may cause someone to trip and fall, resulting in some type of injury.
4. Use reflective material on costumes.

Pets

Halloween can be traumatic or even a dangerous time for pets. Pet owners should remember that their pets are depending on them to keep them safe.

1. Do not leave pets outside in the yard during trick or treat hours. There are always pranksters who have teased, injured, stolen and even killed pets on Halloween.
2. Be careful of pets around lit pumpkins. Pets may knock them over and cause a fire.

Registering guests for "Trick or Treating"

1. SOFA personnel may sponsor guests (up to five per family). The sponsor must escort all guests.
2. Master labor contract and indirect hire agreement employees may sponsor their immediate family members (i.e. children, spouses).
3. Sponsors must meet their guests at the Main Gate.
4. Guests' vehicles must not park in the barracks area or in housing.
5. Sponsors must preregister their guests at the PMO Administrative Section prior to 4 p.m. Tuesday.
6. "Trick or Treating" will be limited to the housing areas. Bachelor officer and enlisted quarters and office spaces will be off limits.
7. From 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Station residents will not be permitted to sign guests aboard the base unless they have been preregistered with the PMO Administration Section for "Trick or Treating". All other visitors must be signed on before or after these times.

~ point of contact ~

PMO Administration Section: 253-3933
PMO Crime Prevention Section: 253-3287



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for your money to compound interest, so the larger it will grow."

Service members can elect to contribute up to 7 percent of their base pay, said Hinojosa. This amount is scheduled to increase in the upcoming years. The total contribution cannot exceed a predefined ceiling of \$11,000 for 2002.

Members of the plan can also contribute their special pay and bonuses into the program, so long as the ceiling is not exceeded, he added.

The TSP is a tax-deferred plan, which means that taxes do not have to be paid on the investment's earnings year-to-year, according to Hinojosa.

In a tax-deferred plan, payments into the ac-

count are not taxed until the money is withdrawn, after that money has already accrued interest. When it has, the members may find themselves in a lower tax bracket.

If a Marine or Sailor separates before having served long enough for eligibility to retire, the money can be rolled over into an individual retirement account, Hinojosa said.

Service members with some preexisting 401k plans and IRA's can convert those accounts into TSP accounts, he added.

The first opportunity to join the program will be in the current open season, which lasts until Jan. 31, 2002.

Changes to the amount contributed to the TSP can only be made during the open seasons, which

will happen twice a year.

During that time, Marines can enter the program at the Installation Personnel Administration Center, pay and maintenance section, in Room 46, Building 360, according to Gunnery Sgt. Steven Ellis, IPAC pay and maintenance staff noncommissioned officer in charge.

For more information contact IPAC at 253-2323, or visit the TSP website at www.tsp.gov.

Maximum Contribution (Percent of basic pay)

2002	- 7 percent
2003	- 8 percent
2004	- 9 percent
2005	- 10 percent
2006 on	- 100 percent

'Mommy and daddy are fighting'

by **Eli Brown**
Victim Advocate

The first acts of violence that most children witness are not on television or at the movies, but in their own homes.

Every year 3.3 million children in the United States are exposed to parental violence. These children grow up in a climate of fear. In most cases they will be in the same room or the next room when the violence occurs. Fifty percent of the time they will be victims themselves.

Until recently the effects on children who witness violence in their homes were not fully recognized. We now know that children raised in this type of hostile environment often suffer from behavioral and emotional problems.

Children who grow up in domestic violence homes also often repeat the cycle of violence when they become adults. Most experts agree that violence begets violence, and that it is passed on from one generation to the next.

One long-term study of adult victims of child abuse found that they were almost twice as likely then were non-abused adults to hurt their own children.

It is important to understand and accept that children in domestic violence homes are being harmed. It is also valuable to let them know they are not forgotten. Ways you can help a

child who has witnessed domestic violence include:

- ☒ Explaining things in a way that the child can understand
- ☒ Telling them the violence is not their fault
- ☒ Giving them permission to talk about the violence
- ☒ Letting them know they are not alone
- ☒ Helping them make a safety plan, and teaching them how to call the police
- ☒ Getting them away from the abusive parent

The Family Advocacy Program has trained counselors who know how to work with children under these circumstances. They also have children's books that talk about the topic in a language children can understand. There are many ways to combat domestic violence, but probably the most effective is to intervene with the children being trained for the next generation of abuse. One adult victim made this statement:

"I think it was a tragedy for me to be in my twenties and not even realize that violence was abnormal. I felt I was somehow responsible for it and I must be a rotten person. My self-image was terrible... I had come to believe that I was a really bad person and that I deserved to be beaten. So, naturally, when my husband started beating me, I thought that if I showed him how much I loved him and did everything I could to please him, he'd love me back and I wouldn't get beaten"

Without intervention, many children will grow up not even knowing that violence is abnormal. Taking the time to help these children sends them the message that domestic violence is not acceptable, and gives them hope for the future.



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the Station is conducting a campaign to educate the public on this issue.

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Early warning system

Cpl. Mark Halle, Marine Aircraft Group 12 nuclear, biological, and chemical noncommissioned officer, and Cpl. Christopher DiStefano, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171 NBC NCO, check the alignment on the Remote Sensing Chemical Agent Alarm. The RSCAAL system detects chemical agents in vapor form, with a range of three miles, and a 70 degree arc of view. Around the Station, RSCAAL units are being operated to provide early warning for civil defense.



photo by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers

NEO exercise tests

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson
Torii Teller Staff

The Station has spent the last few months ensuring noncombatants have everything they need to get off the Station in the event of a noncombatant evacuation operation. The NEO exercise Oct. 18-19 was the culmination of that preparation.

More than 500 Station residents and several dozen volunteers took part in the exercise, which gave everyone an understanding of a NEO that they could not get at the NEO nights.

"I think it is important, not only for the residents to attend the NEO nights

to get information they may need to also to experience the process itself. Officer 4 Donald Page, Installation Information Center officer-in-charge. "They stand what it is going to be like."

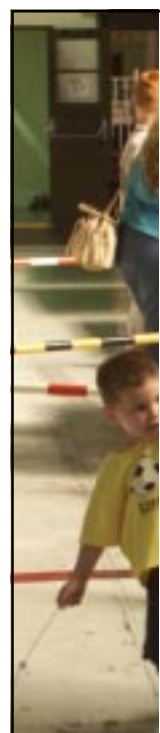
For some of the volunteers who participated, the exercise was the last piece of the puzzle to become confident with the NEO process.

"You can see how the stations are moved through them," said Danielle Aronson, a participant. "You don't just talk about it and know exactly what happens. In the exercise, or hearing someone talk, you know it makes it better."

The process began when individuals were loaded into cars and boarded a bus for the NEO exercise. The whole process took about one hour.

not only knowledge, but also in their mind.

"I have a sense of knowing that



Danielle Aronson, 3, son Ryan, 3, station to station during the exercise.



Busses transported noncombatants to and from the processing area of the Noncombatant Evacuation Operation exercise Oct. 18-19.

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done," said Michelle LaPan, NEO participant. "I don't
have to worry about it. I wanted to make sure we were
fully prepared for any kind of event that could happen on
base."

The people in the limelight of the NEO may have been
the noncombatants, but the exercise was as much for those
staying as it was for evacuees.

"We are exercising the NEO processing center and the
stations that effect the process such as the Finance Office
and the Provost Marshal's Office," Page said. "What we
are trying to do is get as many volunteers to go through the
process as possible so we can work it, test it, and make
sure we have all the gaps filled."

The exercise also gave participants the opportunity to
register in the NEO database and check their NEO pack-
ages for all their required paperwork. Although 400 were
expected to take part in the exercise, 533 made the trip to
the processing center to ensure they would be ready.

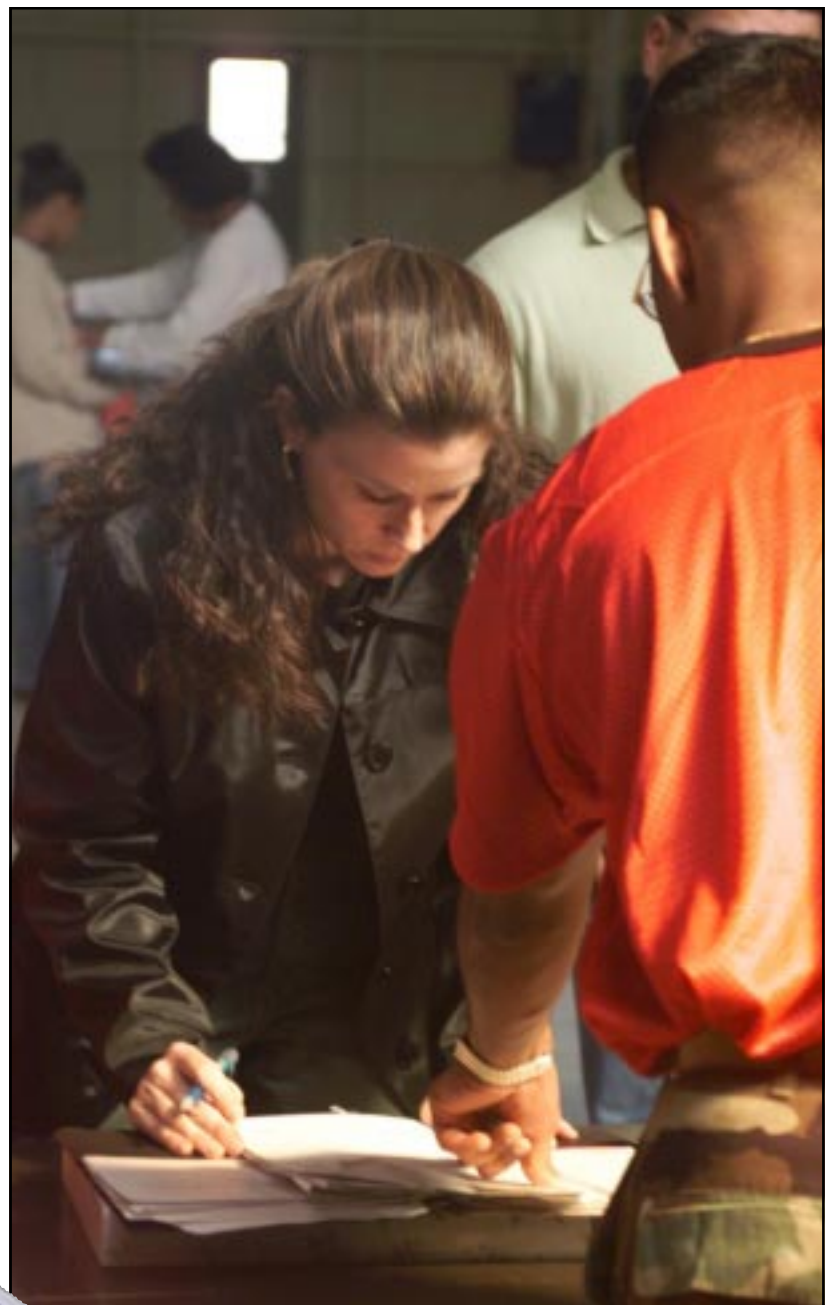
"This is to make myself more comfortable,"
Archambault said. "If this really happened, now I'd know
what to do."



chambault, NEO participant, and her
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Many exercise participants brought luggage with
them as they would during a real NEO.



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

Kimberly Oxendine, NEO participant, fills out paper-
work necessary for a NEO evacuation.



The NEO exercise allowed noncombatants to
check their NEO packages for necessary docu-
ments such as passports.

How to make a call without a dime

by Gunnery Sgt.
M.A. Zeid
USMC Reserves

Moshi, moshi! Hello!
Operator! Operator!

It's amazing just how difficult it is to phone home when Ma Bell speaks Japanese. Actually, it isn't. It just takes knowing how to do it. While public phones are easy to find in this country, they can be confusing to use.

The first step is to find a phone. There are basically two types of pay phones in Japan. The first type accepts only 10-yen coins and is usually pink or red. While several coins can be deposited, and

the unused portion returned, these phones are used mainly for local calls.

However, the most common type is the green phone (sometimes gray or purple), which accepts 10- and 100-yen coins, as well as telephone cards. Be careful, because these phones do not give change when 100-yen coins are used.

The best method of payment is a telephone card. These cards are sold at stores throughout Japan. From personal experience, convenience stores offer the best deals on these cards. The cards come in various denominations, although the most common are 50-call units for 500 yen and 105-call units for 1,000 yen.

Beware of buying telephone cards at tourist locations such as the Kintai Bridge. A 50-call-unit card usually costs

twice as much, 1,000 yen, since it is both a telephone card and a souvenir.

With cash or card in hand, find a phone and lift up the receiver before putting in the money or the card. If the call is local, within the Iwakuni City limits, dial 21-4171. Soon, a recording will come on the line. Both English and Japanese instructions will be given and then a dial tone will be heard. Dial the desired number beginning with 2-5-3 and you're on. If outside of Iwakuni City limits, dial 0827, then 21-4171. The rest is the same.

Simple – so what's the problem? Good question! One common problem is that the military or family member doesn't know the phone number for the Station, which is 0827-21-4171.

With e-mail and the Internet, new problems have come up. There are only a limited number of lines off the Station. Many people tie these lines up for hours surfing the Net.

Of course, there is always the problem of buying a telephone card. While on Station it's easy, since vending machines are next to the phone booths. This isn't often the situation off-Station. In reality, the



photo by Lance Cpl. Trent Rundell

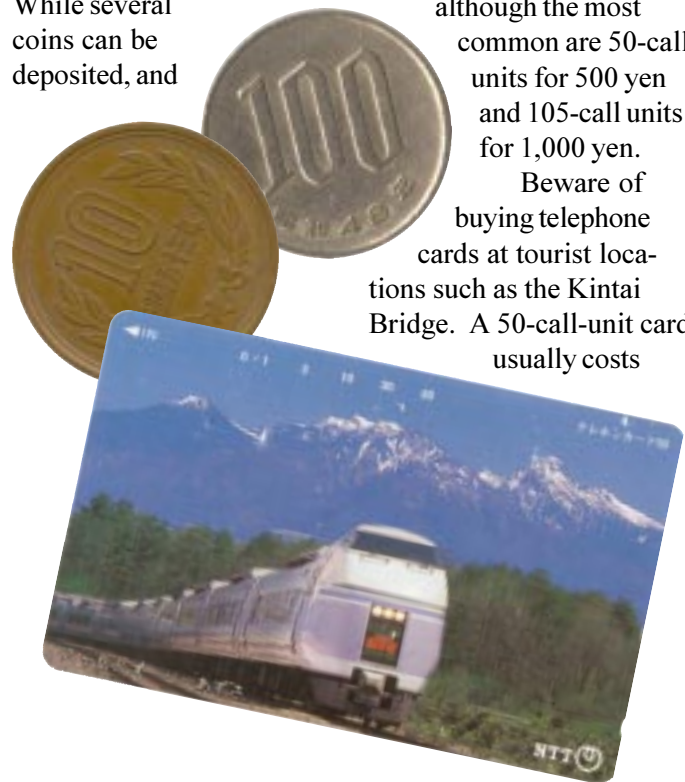
Some phones, like this one, have a slot for prepaid phone cards.

cards are easy to find, since almost all convenience stores sell them. However, the customer many times must ask the cashier for the card. Great chance to practice Japanese!

Last, but not least, is the problem of not being smarter than the machine. Many foreigners forget to look at the phone and

follow the visual clues on what to do. For example, they put the phone card in the wrong slot.

The best advice is to make sure when going out in town, have a phone card and the base number written down. When making the call, just calm down and it will be easy to figure out.



Out the gate

Note: Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

Art of Singing and Dancing

As part of Iwakuni City's traditional arts festival, Kabuki, the art of singing and dancing, will be performed Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. in the Iwakuni City Auditorium. Tickets are now available at the City Social Education Division in Iwakuni City Hall at a cost of between 1,500 yen to 4,000 yen. Tickets purchased at the door will cost more than advanced ticket sales. For more information call 29-5031.

Koi Koi Festival in Otake

The fifth annual Koi Koi Festival in Otake will be held Nov. 11 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gen-

eral Citizen Hall. A bazaar, flea market, face painting, balloon art and other events will be held during the festival. Call 08275-9-2131.

International Culture Fiesta 2001

International Culture Fiesta 2001 will be held Nov. 17-18, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Hatsukaichi City Hall. Food booths will serve Indian, Brazilian, Korean, Thai and other ethnic foods. People can experience building a Mongolian house during the event. For more information call 0829-20-0001 extension 1337.

Tangerine Picking

There are tangerine orchards where people can go to pick tangerines on Oshima Island. Call 08207-7-1102 or 08207-7-0654 for details.

Miyajima Industrial Festival

Miyajima Industrial Festival will be held Nov.

10-11, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in front of the Miyajima Ferry pier on the island. During the festival, there will be wood carving demonstrations. For more information call 0829-44-0008.

Walking Over Fire Ceremony

To celebrate coming of fall season, the Hiwatari Shinji, or walking over fire ceremony, will be held Nov. 15 at Daishoin Temple in Miyajima. Members of the temple walk across live coals with bare feet to pray for protection from illness and disaster. For more information call 0829-44-0111.



Classified Ads

Vehicles for sale

—1988 Toyota Lite Ace van, JCI till Feb. 2002, \$1,000/obo. Call Sgt. Jimmy Tumlinson at 253-5366 dwh or 253-2822 awh.
 —1991 Mazda Bongo, van, auto, PW, AM/FM cassette, 7-passenger, tinted, convertible back seats, dual A/C, JCI till July 2002, \$1,500/obo. Call Chief Amparo at 253-6467 dwh or 253-2106 awh.
 —1992 Honda Ascot, 4-door sedan, AM/FM CD cassette, PS/PW, A/C, low kilometers, JCI till Nov. 2002, \$2,000/obo. Call 2nd Lt. Sticksel at 253-6630 dwh or 253-2027 awh.
 —1993 Toyota Vista, JCI till Dec. 2002, \$2,200. Call Steve at 253-4891 dwh or Judy Gergick at 253-2777.

Other items for sale

—Three-in-one crib, daybed and full bed, \$120. Call Cynthia O'Donnell at 253-2778.
 —Bedroom set, queen-size, head board, frame, mattress w/box spring, dresser w/mirror, nightstand, armoire, \$400; 13" TV w/remote, \$30. Call Sgt. Jimmy Tumlinson at 253-5366 dwh or 253-2822 awh.
 —Camping tent, Sears, 8'x10' tent, sleeps four adults, hardly used, \$90; hammock, adult-size, hand woven macrame w/strong metal frame and hanging brackets, easy set up, \$90; Little Tykes castle, used indoors only, \$140. Call Linda Kostelny at 253-3278 dwh or 090-8608-3799.
 —Used VHS tapes, w/WWF reloaded programs, \$1 each; original VHS movies in plastic case, \$2 each; TV stand w/three-door dresser, 22"x38"x66", \$45; three-door dresser, 22"x38"x30", \$30; acoustic guitar, \$150; Aria Pro electric guitar w/accessories, \$140; AM/FM tuner, still in box, \$15. Call Chief Amparo at 253-2106.

Wanted

—Power Ranger videos; women's bike. Call Cynthia O'Donnell at 253-2778.

Lost

—Large CD case at SNCO Club. If found please call Roger or Dianna at 253-2576.

MCCS job openings

Contract positions:

—Licensed and experienced barbers wanted for contract employment Sundays only. Call 253-4143.
 —The Marine New Parent Support Program seeks a home visitor in Iwakuni. Call 253-6553.

The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel (253-3030):

—Business Ops Director, Business Operations, NF-05, regular full time.
 —Retail Store Manager, Main Complex, NF-04, regular full time.
 —Graphics Artist Supervisor, Marketing, NF-03, regular full time.
 —Library Aid, Library, NF-01, regular full time.
 —Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Complex, NF-01, regular full time.
 —Sales Associate/Cashier, Military Clothing, NF-01,

regular part time.

—Barber, Barber Shop, NA-07, regular part time.

—Recreation Attendant, Youth Center, NF-01, regular part time.

—Customer Service Clerk, Main Complex, NF-01, regular full time.

—Cook, Club Iwakuni, NA-04, regular full time.

—Food Service Worker Leader, Burger King, NL-02, regular full time.

CHRO job openings

—Outreach Program Coordinator, MCCS, GS-0301-09, open until Nov. 5.

—Training and Curriculum Specialist, MCCS, GS-1701-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Contract Specialist, Facilities, GS-1102-11, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Supervisory Interdisciplinary Engineer, Facilities, GS-808/810/830/850-13, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Fire Chief, Air Harbor Operations Department, GS-081-13, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Commissary Support Clerk, GS-303-04, Iwakuni-wide announcement.

—Store Worker, WG-6914-04, Iwakuni-wide announcement.

(For additional information and appropriate forms call CHRO, Building 360, Room 32, at 253-6828.)

Public Notice

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Inspector General are scheduled to conduct a joint accreditation survey of Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan, and Branch Medical Clinic Iwakuni from Nov. 5 to Nov. 9.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally-established Joint Commission and United States Navy standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality-of-care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Requests for a public information interview with JCAHO must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Division of Accreditation Operations

Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

One Renaissance Boulevard

Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

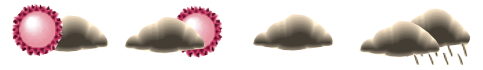
For more information call Lt. Timothy Meyer at 253-5652.

To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

Weekend's Weather

Today Saturday Sunday Monday



Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Oct. 26	11:33 a.m.	138	5:13 a.m.	226
	---	---	6:26 p.m.	296
Oct. 27	12:54 a.m.	152	6:35 a.m.	248
	12:41 p.m.	125	7:12 p.m.	309
Oct. 28	1:32 a.m.	126	7:25 a.m.	276
	1:30 p.m.	108	7:49 p.m.	321
Oct. 29	2:03 a.m.	101	8:03 a.m.	303
	2:09 p.m.	93	8:20 p.m.	332
Oct. 30	2:32 a.m.	78	8:37 a.m.	327
	2:43 p.m.	82	8:48 p.m.	339
Oct. 31	3 a.m.	58	9:10 a.m.	346
	3:16 p.m.	77	9:17 p.m.	343
Nov. 1	3:32 a.m.	41	9:45 a.m.	359
	3:50 p.m.	77	9:48 p.m.	344



Movie Schedule

Friday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Charlie Chan (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. Bounce (PG-13)
 11 p.m. Futuresport (R)

Saturday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Emperor's New Groove (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
 11 p.m. Bright Lights, Big City (R)

Sunday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Inside Moves (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. Down In The Delta (PG-13)
 11 p.m. Deliverance (R)

Monday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Indiana Jones And The Temple Of Doom (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. Don't Tell Her It's Me (PG-13)
 11 p.m. Sleeping With The Enemy (R)

Tuesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Meatballs (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. Only The Lonely (PG-13)
 11 p.m. The Contender (R)

Wednesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Muppets From Space (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. Company Business (PG-13)
 11 p.m. Bounty Hunters (R)

Thursday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Mulan (PG)
 1 p.m./9 p.m. For Love Of The Game (PG-13)
 11 p.m. Outrageous Fortune (R)

Rat Race (PG-13)

Rated PG-13 for sexual references, crude humor, partial nudity and language. (112 minutes)

An all-star cast proves just how far people will go for the chance to win \$2 million in Jerry Zucker's Rat Race. Casino owner John Cleese informs winners of a special token at a Las Vegas casino that they are invited to participate in a race: the first of them to reach Silver City, New Mexico, will receive the \$2 million cash prize.

Summer Catch (PG-13)

Rated R for sexual content, language and some drinking. (103 minutes)

Every summer, the hottest college ball players descend upon Cape Cod to pursue their dreams during the day and blow off steam in town at night. The first local boy in years to earn a slot on the team, Ryan Dunne, finally gets his shot ... but the temptations off-field are getting in the way of his game. When a major league scout comes along, however, he tries to push the pangs of romance and player rivalry aside, because his talent may be his only ticket out of the small industrial town.

American Pie 2 (R)

Rated PG-13 for strong sexual content, crude humor, language and drinking. (88 minutes)

In this J.B. Rogers-directed sequel to Paul Weitz's 1999 teen comedy AMERICAN PIE, the barely post-adolescent group of horny kids from the first film reunite one year later for summer vacation after completing their first year of college.

The movie lineup was correct at press time. Call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for recorded updates.

Friday

7 p.m. Family Advocacy Play
 10 p.m. Summer Catch

Saturday

4 p.m. Summer Catch
 7 p.m. Rat Race
 10 p.m. American Pie 2

Sunday

4 p.m. Rat Race
 7 p.m. American Pie 2

Monday

7 p.m. Summer Catch

Tuesday

7 p.m. Rat Race

Wednesday

7 p.m. American Pie 2

Thursday

Closed

Iwakuni's Theaters

Kokusai:

Oct. 26 - mid November
 "Tomb Raider" - 11 a.m., 1 p.m.,
 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m.,
 (Sat. only) 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

New Central I:

Oct. 26 - Nov. 2
 "Rush Hour 2" - time schedule not
 available at time of print
 "The Fast and the Furious" -
 time schedule not available at time of print

New Central II:

Oct. 26 - Nov. 2

No English Movies

New Central III:

Oct. 27 - Nov. 2

"Bridget Jones Diary" - time
 schedule not available at time of print
 "Sweet November" - time schedule
 not available at time of print

Education



Test Schedule

Tuesdays/

- Fridays** - College Level Examination Program
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

(Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. each day.)

- Nov. 14** - American College Test

- Nov. 15** - Scholastic Assessment Test
- Electronic Data Processing Test

- Nov. 26** - Defense Language Aptitude Battery
- Defense Language Proficiency Test

- Nov. 29** - Armed Forces Classification Test

Testing is free for service members. Civilians pay: CLEP \$56, DSST \$35, ACT \$38, GED \$63, SAT \$40. Tests must be paid by money order. Call 253-3855.

ACT at M.C. Perry

The American College Test will be given at M.C. Perry High School on Saturday. Students who are registered must report to Room 409 by 7:30 a.m. on that day. Call 253-5448.

Community



Alcoholics Anonymous

There are currently four Alcoholics Anonymous meetings being held in Building 1104, Room 103. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All meetings are open and are held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m., discussion or book study groups are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., with speaker or discussion meetings on alternating weeks. Discussion meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Call 253-5036. Inquiries are strictly confidential.

Off-Base Trash Disposal Class

The Family Housing Welcome Center holds off-base trash disposal classes for off-base residents every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Learn the easy and proper way to dispose of trash off-base. For more information call 253-5541.

Crafters Needed

The community needs crafters to participate in the annual Holiday Fair scheduled for Dec. 1. Call 253-5952 or 38-1852.

CFC Season

The Combined Federal Campaign season is in full swing. Donations are encouraged but not required. For more information contact your unit CFC coordinator.

Marine Corps Ball

The enlisted, noncommissioned officers', officers', and staff noncommissioned officers' birthday balls will be held on Nov. 8, 9, 10, and 11 respectively, in Club Iwakuni. The dinners will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. at the club, with tickets available from the appropriate dining area. The balls will begin admitting at 6:30 p.m., with the

guest of honor arriving at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are available through the sergeants major. Call 1st Lt. Antonio Hinojosa at 253-6377.

Book Fair

Matthew C. Perry Schools are having a Scholastic Book Fair Monday-Friday. The fair will be held from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. each day, and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday in the gymnasium. The entire Station community is invited. Call 253-3447.

Operational Security

The Station community is reminded to watch what information is given out, by methods like unsecured phone lines and e-mail. Unfriendly forces can use this to piece together sensitive information about Station activities.

Thrift Shop

Bag Sale

Thrift Shop will have a \$3 bag sale Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. All clothing, shoes, housewares, books and toys are included in the sale.

Scholarships

Thrift Shop spouses scholarships are available with deadline on Dec. 15. For application forms or more information stop by the Education Service Building 411, Room 101. Call 253-2021.

Civilian Human Resources Office

Local Employment Orientation

The monthly briefing for Iwakuni local job seekers will be held Nov. 7, 9-10 a.m. at Community Services Building 411, Room 216 and 217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

Resumix Training

The information on Resumix, used by the Navy to fill merit promotion civilian job vacancies for GS-15 and below and Wage Grade positions, will be provided Nov. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Community Services Building, Room 216 and 217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

Placement Program Brief

The Outbound Family Member Priority Placement Program Brief will be held Nov. 8, 9-11 a.m. at Community Services Building 411, Room 216/217 for current and former GS employees who are within two months of PCSing back to continental United States. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

Marine Corps Community Services

Sandwich Bar

Club Iwakuni will offer a sandwich bar Fridays during lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Halloween Events

☉ The Main Exchange will invite patrons to draw for a percentage off regularly-priced merchandise Wednesday. See in-store details.

☉ There will be a children's costume contest 6 p.m. today at the Crossroads Mall amphitheater. In the event of poor weather, the event moves to Saturday. Prizes will be awarded in five divisions

for youth age 17 and under. Call 253-6184.

☉ Teen haunted house today, 7-11 p.m. at the Youth Center. Free to members; nonmembers pay \$3. Call 253-6454.

☉ The Youth Center will hold a costume dance party Saturday, noon-5 p.m. open to all youth 5-12 years old. Call 253-4769. Free.

☉ Single and unaccompanied service members are welcome at the Hornet's Nest Saturday, 6 p.m., for a costume contest and party. Prizes will be awarded; entry and snacks are free.

☉ Teen Costume Ball, Saturday, 8-11 p.m. at the Teen Center. Free to members; nonmembers pay \$3. Call 253-6454.

☉ Club Iwakuni all ranks party in the ballroom, Wednesday, 8 p.m.-midnight, Entertainment, a DJ, and prizes. Call 253-5416.

Career Resource Workshops

☑ Local and Federal Employment Workshop, Tuesday, 9-11 a.m.

☑ Basic Resume Writing, Wednesday, 1-3 p.m. These workshops are free and open to all job seekers. For more information call 253-6439.

Domestic Violence Awareness

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month the Sakura Theater presents a performance based on the play "Boys Will Be Boys" by Michael Glassbourg tonight at 7. Entrance is free; doors open at 6 p.m. Call 253-4526.

Club Beyond

Club Beyond is a ministry geared to teenagers which has been reaching out to military teens for 20 years at over 40 installations. For more information call Scott Elkins, Station teen pastor, at 253-4549, or visit www.mcym.org.

Chapel Services



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Roman Catholic

Weekdays	5 p.m.	Mass
Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Mass
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mass

Protestant

Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day
(second and fourth)		Adventist
Sunday	8 a.m.	Traditional
	10 a.m.	Church of Christ
	11 a.m.	Contemporary
	Noon	United Pentecostal
	12:15 p.m.	Inspirational Gospel

Latter Day Saints

Sunday	12:30 p.m.	Sacramental Meeting
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Muslim

Friday	Noon	Prayer
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Jewish

Friday	6 p.m.	Shabat
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For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.

Sports Briefs

All-Marine Triathlon

Marines who wish to compete in the 2002 All-Marine Ironman Hawaii Triathlon team must have an application turned in by Feb. 28, 2002. Marines must submit a resume, including a command endorsement, through Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Athletics. For more information, visit www.ironmanlive.com on the Internet or call 253-5654.

All-Marine Boxing Trials

The All-Marine Boxing trials will be held Nov. 25-29 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Marines interested must submit resumes including past boxing experience, numbers of bouts, and results in the past two years. A command endorsement must be included. Resumes must be submitted through Semper Fit Athletics. For more information call 253-5777.

Youth Flag Football

Youth ages 7-14 are eligible to register for flag football. Deadline for registration is Nov. 3. Registration fees range from \$15-\$25. For more information call 253-4605.

Martial Arts Tournament

The "Masters of Defense" tournament is scheduled for Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Events include sparring, grappling, showmanship, and sumo. Registration is \$10 and \$5 for each additional event. Dance and martial arts demonstrations will be held. For more information call 253-6359.

Bike Race

There will be a bike race Saturday from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. There will be an adult, child, and four-member unit PT teams. For more information call 253-6883.

The Scoreboard

Chili Slip n' Slide Drug and Alcohol Awareness Tournament

First Place: Custom Made
Second Place: Just Bring It

Custom Made won 13-8 over Just Bring It in the final game of the Chili Slip n' Slide tournament, to promote drug and alcohol awareness. Catch all the details in next week's edition of the *Torii Teller*.

MAG-12 takes Preseason Tournament

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers
Torii Teller Staff

Marine Aircraft Group 12 Headquarters captured the intramural flag football Preseason Tournament title with a 13-8 victory over the Rooftop Warriors in the championship game Oct. 15 at the Northside Field.

The match ended the eight-game single-elimination series, with MAG-12 coming out on top to start the season.

The game was scoreless until the second half, when MAG-12 managed to score the first touchdown. Although the Rooftop Warriors came back in the final minutes to score eight points, it wasn't enough to close the gap before the buzzer sounded.

Although the game was pre-season, the MAG's attitude was not.

"Our strategy going in was to win," said MAG-12 Headquarters quarterback Jeffrey Hightower.

"So what if it's preseason. We play every game like it's the last."

The MAG-12 team brought what they had learned in practice to the field.

"Since we have a new team, it shows that practice and discipline can go a long way," said Hightower. "If you play team ball, you're going to win every game. Discipline is,

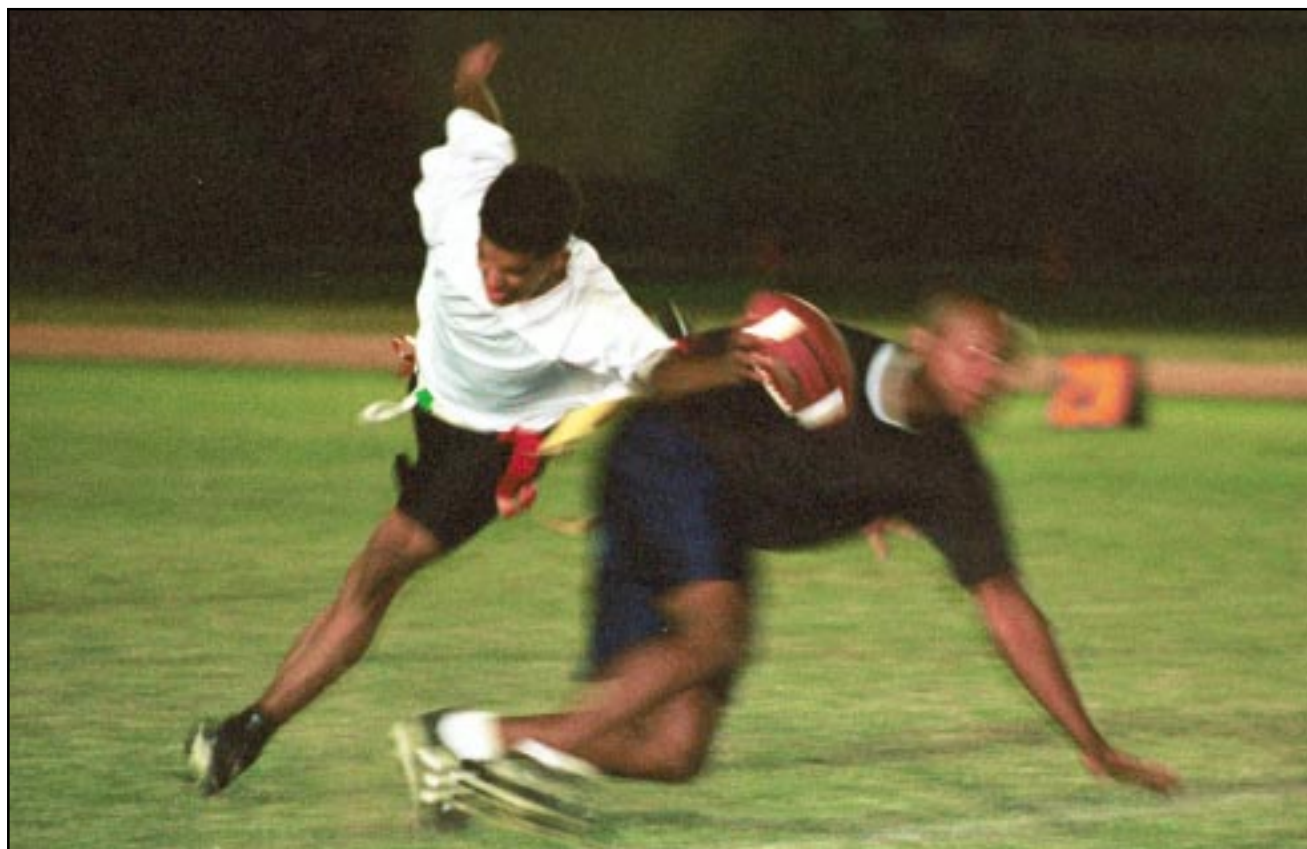


photo by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers

Victor Gomez, Rooftop Warriors defensive end, attempts to pull the flag on a MAG-12 Headquarters player during the intramural flag football Preseason Tournament at the Northside Field Oct. 15.

and always will be, the key."

Although MAG-12 took home the victory, they also took home the knowledge that they would be challenged in the upcoming season.

"They showed us that we're not invincible," Hightower said. "With 10 other teams out there, somebody's going to challenge us, and we're going to have to step it up even higher, and that's what

we're going to do."

The preseason may have only lasted six days, but the teams who participated are ready for the simple things that lay ahead. Two teams, a field and a ball.

"It's to get everybody used to the patterns and routes, and the feel of the game," said Anthony Forbes, Rooftop Warriors quarterback, of the preseason tournament.

"It also gives the referees a chance to get used to it. You get a chance to size up the competition."

Now that the regular season is started, MAG-12 is anxious to defend their victory.

"We hope everybody is ready, because MAG-12 has a point to prove," said Hightower.

H&HS wins Fall Kickoff Classic

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay
Torii Teller Staff

It wasn't Joe Montana to Jerry Rice, but Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron flag football team quarterback Luther Gibbs and wide receiver Dondre Johnson did a pretty good impersonation in leading H&HS to a 46-13 romp over Marine Aircraft Group 12 in the 9th Annual Fall Kickoff Classic at the Northside Field Oct. 19.

The duo scorched MAG-12 all day long, with Gibbs passing for four touchdowns and running in two more, while Johnson found the end zone three times, twice on passes from Gibbs.

"I can't say enough about this team," said Gibbs, who was named Most Valuable Player. "The defense and offense both produced today, and everything just fell into place in the second half."

That might have been the understatement of the day, as H&HS took only an 18-13 lead going into halftime, after trailing early 13-12.

It was a tale of two halves though, and H&HS jumped out the second-half gate from the opening kickoff on, and never looked back.

On the kickoff, Gibbs received the ball at the 15-yard line and juiced his way by numerous defenders before flipping the ball to a streaking Johnson, who took off on a 70-yard jaunt before stepping out of bounds at the five-yard line.

"I got 4.1 40 speed!" screamed an exuberant Johnson after the run, in reference to his claimed best 40-yard dash time. "I got 4.1

speed! How can they stop 4.1! They can't. I'm like wind, how can you catch the wind!"

Unfortunately for MAG-12, Gibbs has some breeze in his legs too, and on the next play, he took matters into his own hands, running it in on a quarterback sneak.

After a two-point conversion, which upped their lead 26-13, H&HS got a boost from their defense, as cornerback Jay Wilfrom made a diving acrobatic interception to set up the play of the game, and the final stake through MAG-12's heart.

Enter Luther Gibbs. Again.

On the first play after Wilfrom's pick-off, Gibbs took off on an amazing 75-yard touchdown run that had both sides shaking their heads in awe.

"Did you see that?" said one stunned observer. "How did he do that?"

Even the officials seemed not to believe that Gibbs could have eluded the onslaught of blue jerseys that converged on him during the run, and they called him over to check to make sure his flags were not tied in knots around his waist. They came off at the first tug.

"That run just kind of summed up the type of player Gibbs is," said

Wilfrom. "It's hard to lose when you've

got someone that good on your team. He's like the Michael Jordan of flag football here."

Gibbs was quick to diffuse all the praise heaped upon him during the MVP trophy presentation after the game.

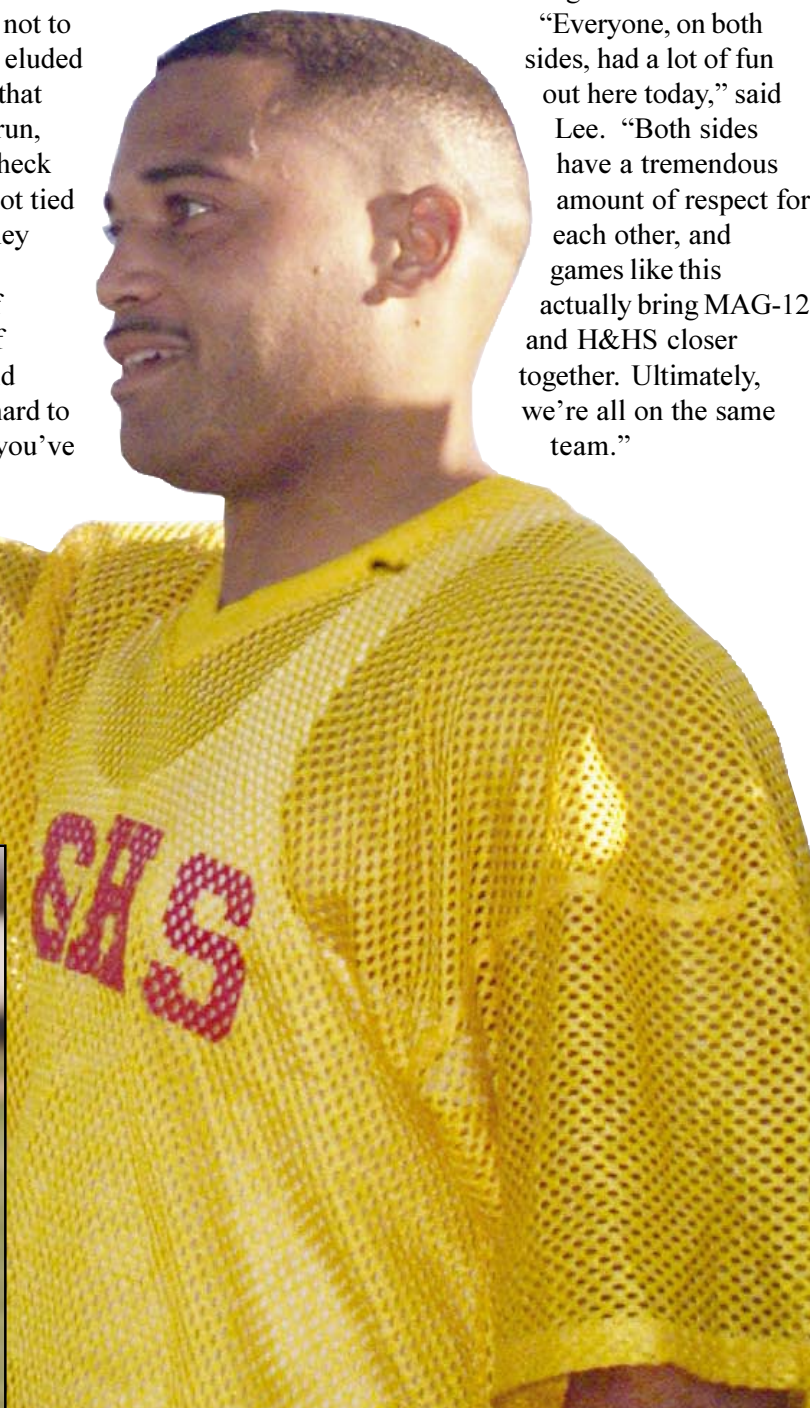
"Winning the MVP award is as much a reflection on my teammates as it is on me," said Gibbs. "One man can't win a football game. This was a total team effort."

When it was all said and done, the overall feeling after the game seemed to be one more of mutual camaraderie between the two teams, rather than that of victor and vanquished.

"Even though these teams may battle their heart out on the field, once it is over they are friends again," said Station Commanding Officer Col. Dave Darrah. "This annual game is a great morale boost for both sides, and the spirit of the game is more friendly rivalry than enemy. I think everyone's spirit is raised a little higher during the event."

Rico Lee, MAG-12 quarterback, said he couldn't agree more.

"Everyone, on both sides, had a lot of fun out here today," said Lee. "Both sides have a tremendous amount of respect for each other, and games like this actually bring MAG-12 and H&HS closer together. Ultimately, we're all on the same team."



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

LEFT: Rico Lee, MAG-12 quarterback, faces heavy defensive pressure. **RIGHT:** Luther Gibbs, H&HS quarterback and game MVP, hoists the championship trophy after leading his team to a 46-13 victory over MAG-12 in the 9th Annual Fall Kickoff Classic.